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/This source presents a well-rounded ethnographic study of the Kol tribe located in the central uplands of India. The author, a missionary of the Methodist Church, gathered his data during a residence of fifteen years in Jubbulpore in the Central Provinces. It should be noted that most of the data contained in this source pertain to the Hinduized Kols, rather than those in the interior of Rewa Province whose customs differ somewhat in form and extent. It is noteworthy that, in contrast to the usual bias found in a majority of missionary reports of this type, the data presented here are clear and concise statements about native ethnography, wholly lacking in any attempts at proselytizing. Although the author's data are somewhat deficient in the material culture aspects of Kol society, there is abundant information

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on almost all other phases of Kol ethnography, from birth to death, religion, the family, magic and witchcraft, social structure, folklore, fine arts and economics. Marriage ceremonies are especially well described. Seven appendices present information on kinship terminology, personal names, additional notes on Kol songs and poetry (illustrated elsewhere in the text), castes, a glossary of native terms, anthropometry, and a bibliography. The index is exceptionally well done and should be used. The plates scattered throughout the text are not in numerical order so the researcher should refer to the list of illustrations for page references (category 116, pp. xiii-xiv). --Analyst/

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